to assist the Authority in discharging its functions. It has initiated the process of registration of ground water extraction structures in Delhi to make an assessment of withdrawals with reference to availability of ground water. It has also taken various measures for creating mass awareness on the subject.

(2) The Central Ground Water Board has prepared a report titled "Development and Augmentation of Ground Water Resources in National Capital Territory of Delhi". A copy of this report has been made available to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for taking follow-up action.

(3) Implementation of a Central Sector Scheme on studies on recharge of ground water in some 'Over-exploited' areas of various States including NCT of Delhi in the country. In Delhi, the recharge studies were carried out in Jawaharlal Nehru University and I.I.T., Delhi.

(4) Circulation of a Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories including NCT of Delhi to enable them to formulate area specific recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water level.

(5) Circulation of a Model Bill to all the States/Union Territories including NCT of Delhi to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.

(6) Formulation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist the States in artificial recharge of ground water. This scheme is at consultation stage.

National Action Plan for Brahmaputra River

208. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for scientific water management survey of Brahmaputra river with the help of international agency;

(b) if so, the present status of the National Action Plan;

(c) the effective measures taken or proposed to be taken for implementation of the said plan; and

(d) the basic objects of forming and achievements of Brahmaputra Board since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Union Government constituted Brahmaputra Board in 1981 to prepare Master Plans for flood management in the Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys in the North Eastern region which includes integrated development of water resources of Brahmaputra and Barak rivers. Since inception, Brahmaputra Board has completed two major Master Plans for Brahmaputra main stem as also for Barak and its tributaries. These Master Plans were approved by the Union Government in July, 1997. Apart from this, the Board has completed Detailed Project Reports of multipurpose projects on Barak river at Manipur-Mizoram border in Tipaimukh and on Pagladiya river in Nalbari district of Assam. The Board has undertaken construction of North Eastern Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute (NEHARI) at Rudreshwar in North Guwahati. The Board has also taken up the execution of Harrang Drainage Scheme in the Barak Valley of Assam.